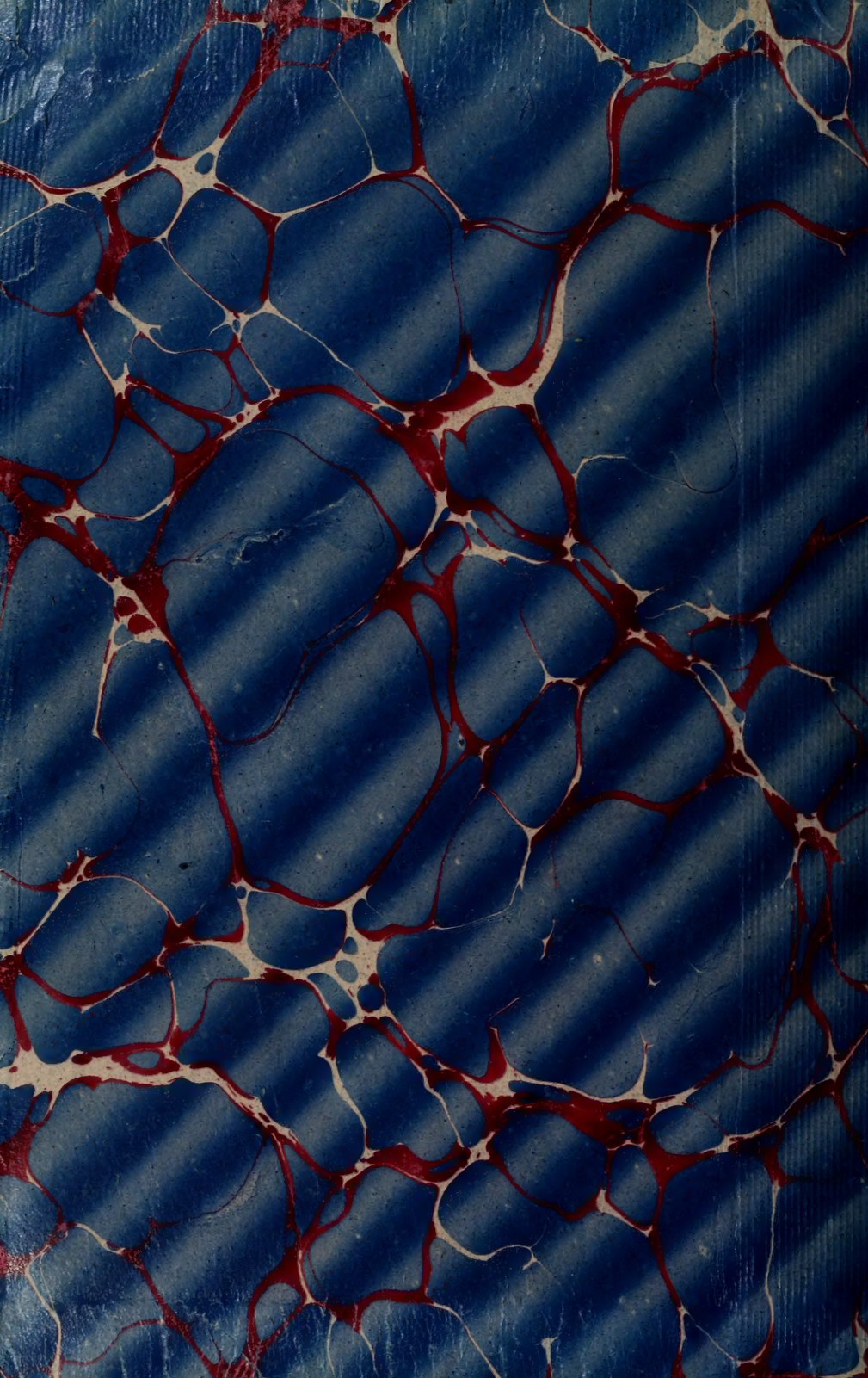
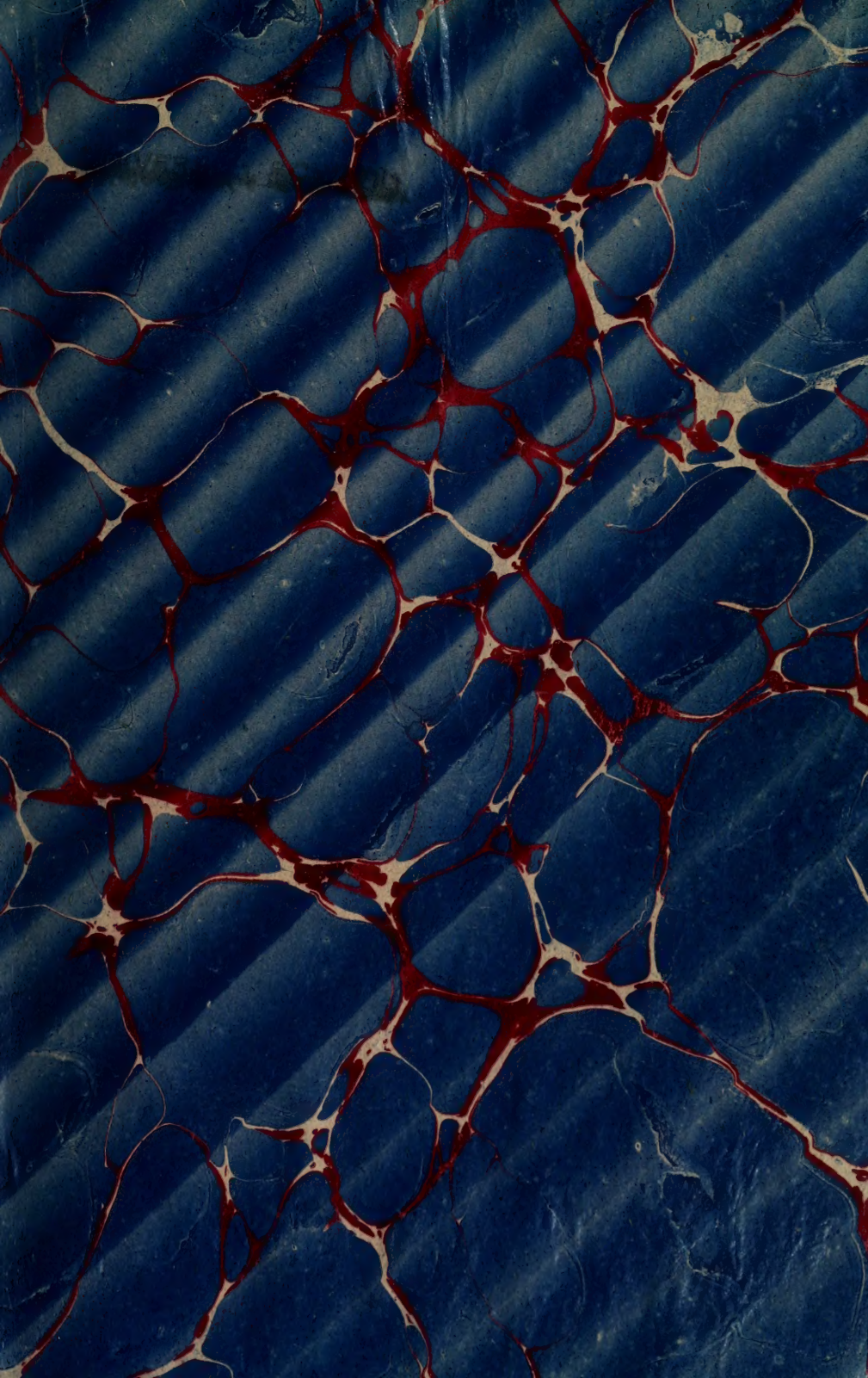
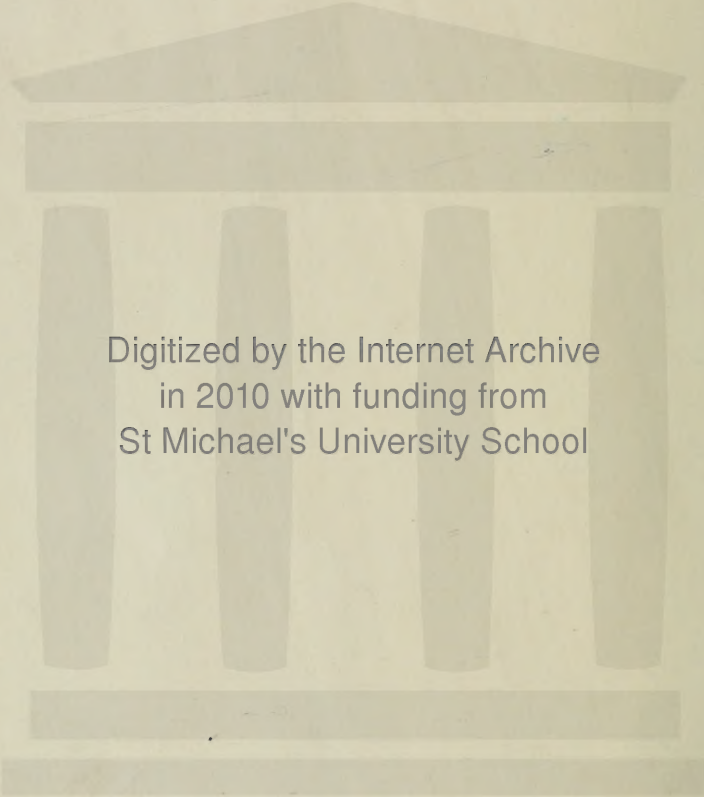


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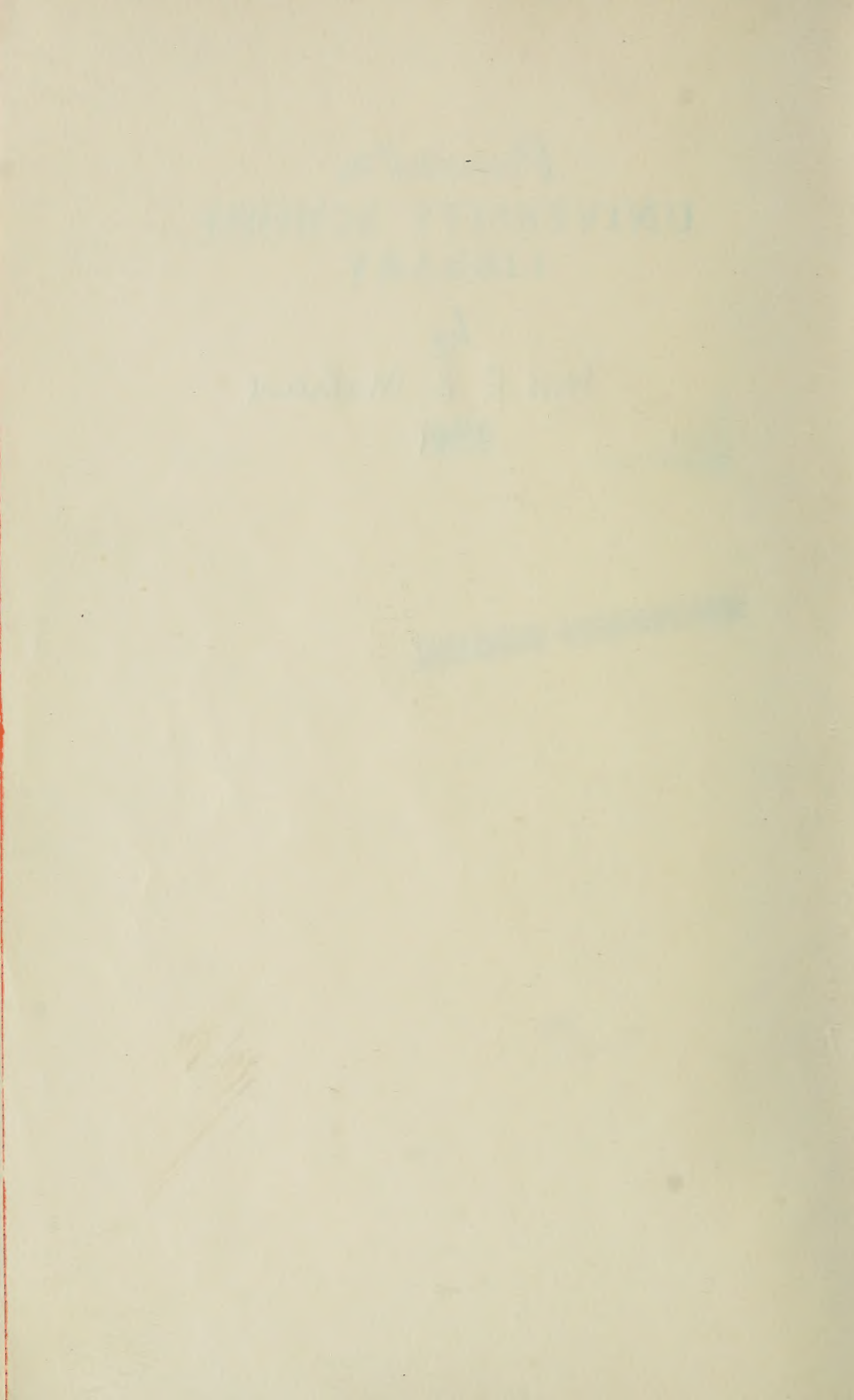
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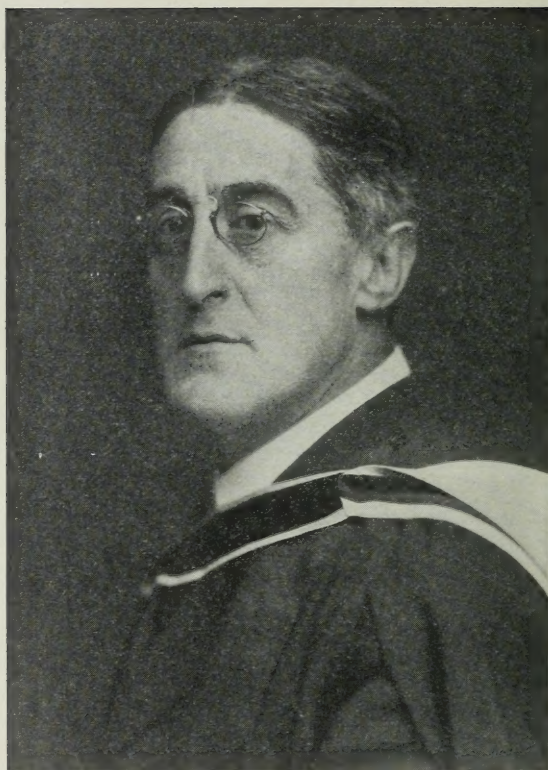
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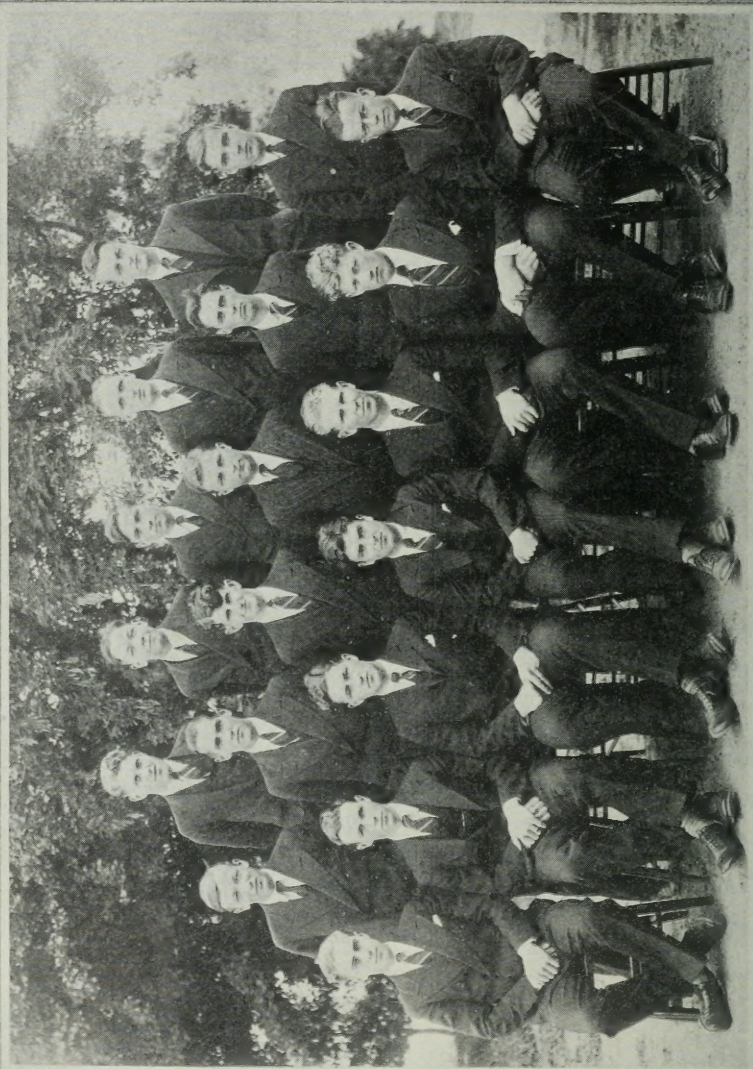
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REV. W. W. BOLTON, M.A.

The Rev. W. W. Bolton first came to B. C. in 1885, in which year he was instituted as Rector of Esquimalt—then a very important naval station. The following year Mr. Bolton was urged by the Bishop to take over St. Paul's School, previously established by Mr. H. Trevor Christie, in that neighbourhood.

From the first, Mr. Bolton—himself a Cambridge Athletic Blue, and an ardent Rugby player—saw to it that athletics had their proper place. He personally took part, and for many years was a prominent figure, in all forms of athletics, not only in school, but in the community generally.

The old boys of St. Paul's have scattered far and wide, but some of them are still useful citizens, holding positions of honour in the community.

Mr. Bolton's work was interrupted by a long stay in California, but in 1899 he returned and opened a small school on Belcher Avenue. In 1906 he was joined by Mr. J. C. Barnacle, when University School actually came into existence. In 1908 the two were joined by Mr. R. V. Harvey, who moved Queen's School from Vancouver. This necessitated the building of the present School, the corner stone of which was laid in 1908 by Sir Richard McBride. From this time until 1920, Mr. Bolton acted in the capacity of Warden, but his greatest work was the handling of the Juniors—a work which can never be forgotten, and the importance of which it is hard to over-estimate. In 1920, owing to ill-health, Mr. Bolton was compelled to take a complete rest, and commenced his travels in the South Seas. In 1923 Mr. Barnacle's health broke down and he had to retire. Mr. Bolton remained abroad until May, 1925, when, at the urgent request of the Directors, he returned to assume the Headmastership again. Since that time the School as a whole has learned to love and respect him for his own love of the School, his industry and zeal, his modest dignity and his high example.

Last January he handed over the Headmastership to a successor whom he himself had introduced to the Directors, retaining the office and title of Warden, and thus preserving his close association with the School, he again left us to resume his rest and work of leisure in the South Seas.

But, wherever he may be, he is present with us in spirit, and his standards will ever be our ideal and our goal. Let us see to it that when he again comes back to the School he loves so well, he will find us loyally carrying on that work to the establishing of which he gave himself so unselfishly.

G. H. S.



With this number we publish the photograph of the Rev. W. W. Bolton, M.A., and an article on his career written by a friend who was closely associated with him in much of his later work and life in Victoria.

Mr. Bolton was, and indeed is, the father of University School, and no child had a more devoted parent. Called back to the School after five years of retirement—years spent in work for others—and with a full span of years, he answered the call at once, and gave yet more.

On January 11, this year, he said farewell, as Headmaster, to the assembled School, after Prayers; and announced that thereafter he was to be their Warden. He then formally introduced the new Headmaster, Mr. G. M. Billings.

Thus, with characteristic modesty and simple dignity, he handed his office to another and took leave of the School and the work where his heart will ever be.

To Black and Red, Mr. Bolton was Editor and, in fact, everything; the "Mag." was his pride. His close personal touch with school affairs and boys over so many years were invaluable, while his own brilliant literary qualities were such as we can scarcely hope to replace.

Handicapped as are we who succeed him, however, our task is the lighter for the carefully drawn records and files he has left us, and our work the easier and pleasant by the ready help of our colleagues of the Staff and the boys as represented by the Magazine Committee.

In view of the representations which have been made to us by sincere and public-spirited boys in the School as to the scope of Black and Red and the giving of more ready publication to matter submitted by boys, we feel that the points raised well deserve our serious attention.

In the first place, it is our wish and our intention to do all in our power to encourage boys to write. We regard the power of accurate expression in one's mother tongue as a measure of mental capacity; and to be able to present one's thoughts exactly in pleasing language which is clear, appropriate, eloquent if need be, and sufficient, as the mark of intellectual ability.

We know that writers have to begin some time, and we believe that many boys—some who least suspect it because they have never really tried—can with practice write well, but we are not sure that it is possible for Black and Red to be the medium for presenting their earlier efforts to a reading public.

But it must be remembered that Black and Red is primarily a record of School history, and a very valuable record, appearing only twice a year, and well filled as it is. Now, while any one boy may find some things in it that do not interest him, he and every other boy will certainly find many things that do; and later on, when he is an Old Boy, he will find, as hundreds of Old Boys and others have done, what a very valuable and interesting record Black and Red really is, and he will want to keep it so.

From the foregoing our position becomes clear: if boys will show us that they mean business and will support us, then we will consider how we can best help them, whether by means of Black and Red, or by a separate publication with its own small beginning. We are glad to give this pledge, and we hope that the matter will be strongly taken up next Term.

ST. GEORGE'S SCHOOL

We learnt with sincere regret of the closing of St. George's School. For twenty years this excellent School, under the inspiration of its gifted and devoted Headmistress, has contributed to the growth of the best elements of life in this beautiful city, and its renown has spread to many even distant countries.

But though the School no longer exists, the result of its work will flourish, for the labour of a School is that of the husbandman of spiritual soil, to prepare it so that the grain of worthy human impulses may take root and come to full fruition; and the labour of Mrs. Suttie and her colleagues has surely earned a full harvest.

We are happy to know that Mrs. Suttie is to be associated with the Staff of St. Margaret's School, where we hope that her influence, her wide experience, and her high example will continue in the enrichment of the community for many years to come.



SCHOOL PREFECTS, 1927-1928

SCHOOL NOTES

We are glad to add the names of the following boys to those who have gained their Prefect's colours:

Mercer i

Perry i

White

The new library and reading-room in the School House is so well frequented, and plays such an important part, that it is already regarded as indispensable. The tables, with their soft green covers, the general comfort and restfulness of the room, with its library of readable books and periodicals, form an attractive whole to the boy who desires quiet reading, either as work or as recreation. The room is "Silent," of course, but this does not prevent the enjoyment of a game of chess or draughts, the means of which are provided.

We hear that a room of a similar kind is to be provided in Harvey House for next Term: we are sure that the Juniors will appreciate it and take the same pride in maintaining its character as do their Seniors.

We are indebted to the members of the British Public Schools Club for the gift to the School of a handsome shield to be competed for by elevens within the School. Colonel Harrison, the President of the Club, brought the shield to the School on Sports Day, when formal acceptance was made by the Headmaster when the prizes were presented. We thank Colonel Harrison and his fellow-members for their gift to us and to School cricket. The School trophies have been enriched by the gift of a beautiful shield to bear the name each year of the School Junior Swimming Champion. For the gift our thanks we offer to Mr. and Mrs. Robbins, and we congratulate them on the fact that the first name to be inscribed is that of their son. Robbins is leaving us this term to accompany his parents to another part of the Island, and we wish his parents and himself every good fortune.

The highest Prize Award of Honour which the School has to bestow is the Ker Cup, and the School with one voice applauds the choice which this year has fallen on D. H. Tye, our Head Boy, a boy who has worthily maintained the high standard of character, scholarship, leadership and athletics, with which the Cup is associated.

Our candidates for McGill Matriculation this year are: 19 Junior and 6 Senior, 25 in all. There were also 19 candidates of ours for the Grade Examinations.

We wish these boys success in the test, and we feel that the healthy numbers afford good evidence that we are determined to maintain above all things a high level of work and scholarship.

Congratulations to D. B. Collison ('26) on winning the valuable Medical Scholarship at Alberta University.

We learn that R. Brinkley, once our Head Prefect, is earning excellent reports by his work at Harvard, and that he also gained the distinction of being chosen for the Harvard freshmen football team.

We tender our sincere thanks to our advertisers in this magazine. We call the attention of our readers to the advantages disclosed by the advertisements, and hope that the financial help of our patrons will be continued.

School closes on Thursday, June 21, for the Summer holidays, and will re-open on Wednesday, September 12, at 9.30 a.m. Boarders are expected to return by 6.00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 11.

Exchanges received with thanks: The Black and Gold (St. John's C.S., Winnipeg); The Phoenix (Shanghai P.S.A.); The Cranbrookian; The Bloxhamist; The Cheltonian; The Sherburnian; The Ardingly Annals; Acta Ridleiana; The Windsorian; The College Times (U.C.C.); St. Margaret's School Magazine.

We were glad to hear from Norman Brookes, who has just passed well—one of the few successful candidates in his course at U.B.C. He mentions that another Old Boy, L'Abbe (of the Shell) is now at Washington University.

BIRTH—On Tuesday, January 24, 1928, to University School and a Group of Literary Aspirants of the Senior House, a son, "The Toreador."
May he be well nourished and thrive.

The School are indebted to Captain Morris, Senior Chaplain and Field Secretary for the Dominion of the Navy League, for a most interesting lecture delivered at the School on February 7. Captain Morris is a master of his work and has the gift of holding his audience by his interesting presentation of the subject. Every boy followed him intently, and his visit was thoroughly enjoyed. We hope he will spare the time to visit us again, and soon.

On March 23 we welcomed Brigadier-General J. M. Ross, C.M.G., D.S.O., who, accompanied by Captain Cumming, inspected the Cadet Corps. We were all proud of our Cadet-Major McLeod and his men, and our pride was strengthened by receiving later a letter from the General in which he expressed his keen satisfaction with the Corps. We reproduce the letter below. This testimony from a distinguished soldier is a very great compliment to the Corps, a compliment of which a full share must be given to our Sergt.-Major, S. Watson, himself an admirable example of soldierly qualities, for his devotion and work for the boys.

Letter of General Ross to Captain Bolton:

"Dear Captain Bolton:

"Will you please inform the officers and members of your Cadet Corps that I consider the work seen at the Annual Inspection yesterday as being equal if not superior to the work of any previous year?

"I trust the 170th Cadet Corps will continue to maintain the very high standard of efficiency which it has now attained.

"Wishing you every success.

"I am.

"Yours very sincerely,

"J. M. ROSS."

Congratulations to our Intermediate League Rugby XV. on winning the Championship of the Province of British Columbia. A photograph of the team and particulars of their prowess are given elsewhere in this issue.

Our First XV. journeyed to Vancouver on February 25, when they played the Canadian Scottish, whom they beat by 3 points to nil. After the game they witnessed the match between the celebrated Waratahs and a B. C. Representative Team.

Shall we ever forget the Meraloma match, when we won in the last few minutes, thanks to the magnificent pluck and endurance of every man on our side? What a struggle it was, and what excitement when Godfrey Wenman hurled himself through the Meraloma backs for the only try. We led by 3 points, but we needed the extra two to be safe from the danger of being beaten after all by a single crossing of our line; and the angle was wide, with a strong wind dead against us! How anxiously we watched Heap, as he coolly and deliberately went about his task. It was at this point that the writer happened to notice an elderly but excited gentleman just behind him with a heavily-shod right foot poised, in sympathy doubtless with the event of the moment, but none the less with just the elevation and windage to connect with the writer's shin. A side step was only just in time!

Then Heap "landed a beauty," and we let our feelings go!

The day was brought to a happy conclusion by the hospitality of Mr. Mercer, who, ever a staunch friend of the School, entertained the team and a group of other friends at dinner, when a most enjoyable evening was spent.

Tuesday, April 3, was a proud day for the marksmen of our Boarders, when Rudolph, Kerr, Schmidt, Steele and Coleman i. with the fine score of 474 points, defeated the Old Boys, the Day Boys, and the Staff, on the Miniature Range, and won the Finlayson Shield.

The representative of the Canadian Forest Protection Association, Mr. Ablett, paid us a welcome visit last term, when he delivered a very telling address on the object and work of the Association. The cinematograph films which he exhibited, illustrative of his address, and showing in vivid form the awful and imminent menace of fire, made a deep impression on his audience. It is safe to say that he left the boys with a very clear idea of at least one duty they owe to their Motherland.

The gathering of parents and friends to witness the Boxing Finals in the Gym., on April 4, was a record in numbers for an indoor occasion. The Gym. was packed, and the interest and enthusiasm of our visitors was maintained throughout the programme, which included bouts ranging from our fragile 190-pound stripling White's encounter with the ubiquitous and elusive Cotterell, to the gladiatorial combat between Westmacott ii and Clarke iii, the Form I. Behemoth and the Harvey House Goliath.

The particulars of the programme will be found under Boxing, on another page.

The desire of a number of parents that their sons should offer themselves for Confirmation was fulfilled by the kind help of our friend the Rev. S. Ryall, Rector of St. Luke's, who held classes of preparation on regular days over a period of six weeks. At the end of that time the twelve boys presented were confirmed by the Rt. Rev. Bishop C. D. Schofield.

The end of Summer Term is always a time of sad parting from old friends. To those boys leaving us now we offer the hand of sincere friendship in farewell, and we say to them from the bottom of our hearts, "Good luck, and remember that the old School is your School, your Alma Mater; come back to her when you will, tomorrow or years hence, you will find a welcome and friends."

SALVETE

Anderson, G. M.
 Billings, G. M.
 Clark, B. C.
 Clark, E. C.
 Coltman, J. W.
 Cotterell, H. C.
 Dent, L. V.
 Gillingham, L. E.
 Giolma, J. de B.
 Gordon, D. C.
 Gordon, W. D.
 Halls, H. R.

Heap, M.
 Holstein-Rathlou
 Kergin, H. E.
 Le Marquand, H. A.
 Mayes, J.
 McNaughton, A. R. L.
 McNaughton, E. M. D.
 McNaughton, T. G. A.
 Moodie
 Ryall, S. H.
 Vides, P. B. de
 White, F. O.

Worthington, J. R.

PRIZE DAY

Prize Day was held on Thursday, June 21, in the Assembly Hall, and was attended by the School, boys and staff, and by a number of parents. The Headmaster, having read the form orders, presented, first the prizes for school work, then the medals for Boxing and for Tennis, and Colours to those who had gained them in Cricket, Tennis, Athletics and Shooting, and finally, badges to the Prefects.

In a short closing speech the Headmaster congratulated the prize winners and those boys who had received medals, Colours, or badges, and stressed the value of well-balanced school life, in which character, scholarship, games, and public spirit all played their part. He urged that it should never be forgotten that a boy, when he wrote his Matriculation, or his Grade, or any other examination, represented his school and had the honour of the school in his keeping just as surely as if he were playing for the school on the athletic field.

Last of all, the Prefects were called in front of the assembled school and thanked for their own work and, as representatives of the boys, for the excellent manner in which the boys as a whole had backed up the staff in work and in play.

After the singing of the School Song, and three ringing cheers for the School, the boys dispersed.

The prize list is given below, with the exception of the Sixth Form boys, whose standing and awards are dependent on the results of the McGill Matriculation, not yet available.

PRIZE LIST, 1928

FORM V.

Form Prize	B. Renwick
Mathematics Prize	B. Renwick
English Prize	B. Renwick
Language Prize	W. G. McIntosh
Science Prize	B. Renwick

FORM IV.

Form Prize	H. S. Underhill
Mathematics Prize	E. Rudolph
English Prize	R. C. Coleman
Language Prize	H. S. Underhill

THE REMOVE.

Form Prize	R. D. Bristowe
Second Form Prize	G. K. Steele
Mathematics Prize	J. A. Hornibrook
English Prize	R. D. Bristowe

THE SHELL.

Form Prize	J. G. Mackid
Second Form Prize	J. C. Currie
English Prize	J. C. Currie
Language Prize	J. G. Mackid

FORM III.

Form Prize	R. Holstein-Rathlou
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FORM II.

Form Prize	G. L. Dunlop
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FORM I.

Form Prize	L. C. Masfen
Senior Scripture Prize	C. M. Firmstone
Junior Scripture Prize	R. Holstein-Rathloun
Senior Writing Prize	E. J. Lemon
Junior Writing Prize	C. Gould
First Drawing Prize	C. M. Firmstone
Second Drawing Prize	C. Gould

"COLOURS"

The following boys gained their Colours for the year 1927-1928:

RUGBY: Hammond, Heap, Mortimer, Peard, Singleton.

GYM.: Tisdall.

TRACK: Cotterell, Gardner i, Taylor i.

BOXING: White, Heavyweight; Hayward, Light-Heavyweight; Cotterell, Middleweight; Ward, Welterweight; Brinkley, Lightweight; Chambers and Mercer ii, Bantamweight.

CRICKET: Mercer i, Walton, Weaver, White.

TENNIS: Cornwall i, Tisdall.

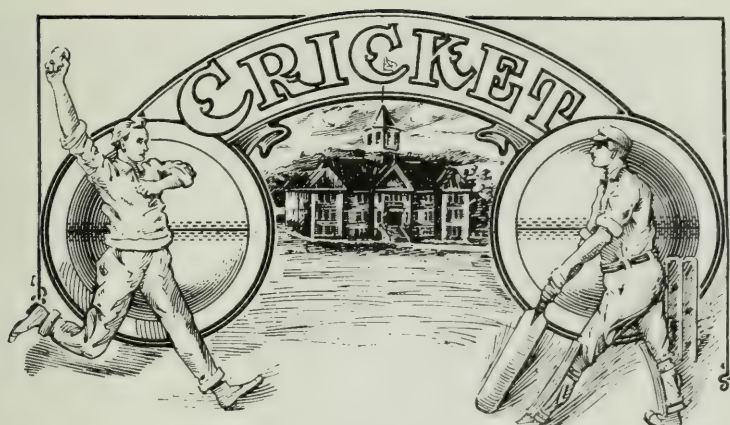
OUTDOOR RIFLE: Cornwall i, Cotterell, Hayward, Mercer i, Morrison, Tisdall.

INDOOR RIFLE: Billings, Coleman i, Gardner i, Mortimer, Perry i, Rudolph, Schmidt, Steele.

SWIMMING AND DIVING: Hager, Begg.

SPORTS CHAMPION: Cotterell.

PREFECT'S BADGE: Cornwall i, Kerr, Mercer i, Perry i, Schmidt, Singleton, Tye, White.



D. C. Gordon was elected Captain and D. H. Tye Vice-Captain for the season of 1928.

The First XI. was as follows: Gordon i, Tye, Walton, Tisdall, White, Weaver, Mercer, Begg, Clarke i, McRae and Hayward.

The Under 15 XI. was as follows: Brinkley, Swanson i, Robbins, Poyntz i, Ryall, Gibson, Swanson ii, McKid ii, Cabeldu, Coltman, Carpenter.

The School won the Gillespie Shield, being undefeated in the competition, and lost the Flumerfelt Cup (under 15 competition).

Two First XI. and two Second XI. matches were played against Brentwood, the School losing all four games. Two Third XI. matches were played against St. Aidan's, in which honours were divided; and the First XI. defeated a team of Bluejackets from H.M.S. Durban and also took revenge on the Staff, defeating them by 7 runs, thanks mainly to an excellent innings of 58 by Tisdall.

Tisdall captained, and Tye and Weaver played on the victorious Boys' Victoria Rep. XI. against Vancouver. Tye's stubborn defence was the feature of the match.

The Clayton Cup was won by Tisdall's XI. from five other teams; Poyntz i's XI. won the shield presented by the British Public Schools Club for junior intra-mural cricket from four contestants.

Colours were awarded for the first time to Walton, White, Weaver and Mercer. Gordon, Tye and Tisdall already have their colours.

The University Incogs C.C. Bat for the best Senior all-round cricketer was awarded to Tisdall; and the same Club's



THE FIRST CRICKET XI., 1928

prize for the best all-round Junior cricketer was divided between Poyntz i and Robbins. The Silver Cup given by Mrs. Howden for the best fielder in the School was won by Tisdall.

FIRST XI. BATTING AVERAGES

	No. of Innings	Times Not Out	Total Score	Highest Score	Aver- age
Tisdall	10	0	165	58	16.5
Mercer i	8	1	99	25	14.1
Tye	10	4	81	22*	13.5
Gordon i	8	0	66	42	8.2
Weaver	11	2	67	25*	7.4
White	8	0	58	33	7.2
Walton	9	2	43	10*	6.1
Begg	7	1	21	5*	3.5
McRae	7	0	22	9	3.1
Hayward	4	0	6	2	1.5
Clarke i	7	2	6	4*	1.2

FIRST XI. BOWLING

Tisdall had 45 wickets for 250 runs; Walton, 25 for 187; Gordon, 15 for 91, and Tye, 5 for 25.

CHARACTERS OF THE XI.

GORDON I. Has captained the team well throughout the season. His bowling has improved considerably, and on one occasion he showed his true form with the bat. Always a good field.

TYE. A remarkably fine defensive bat and most useful to his side. Has a dangerous habit of covering up his wicket: must get rid of this.

TISDALL. An excellent all-round cricketer, keen in the field, and a hard worker with bat and ball. Has a weak shot over mid-on's head, of which he must get rid. Has had a very good season.

WALTON. Has bowled well throughout the season, although his batting has been disappointing. Has excellent physique for a really fast bowler.

WHITE. Has made a very useful wicket keeper and batted well at times.

WEAVER. A very promising bat, who will become really good as he gets stronger. Must "finish" his strokes: at present his shoulders do not always "go through" with the bat.

MERCER. Has done very well indeed and worked really hard all season with very obvious results. An excellent fielder, who has taken pains to learn what to do in the field.

BEGG. A good fielder: has been unlucky with the bat.

MCRÆ. Is improving as a bat. Must be smarter in the field.



THE SECOND CRICKET XI.. 1928

CLARKE I. Must show more keenness in the field and must concentrate more thoroughly on all aspects of the game in order to achieve success. Could make a good bowler.

HAYWARD. Does his best and works hard. Has been more successful in School games than School matches. but is improving steadily.

PATRICK F. HOWDEN.

The University School Incogs, at the time of writing, maintain their lead in the Senior League. Mr. Howden is Captain of the team and Mr. Wenman is Vice-Captain. Mr. Billings is the new President. The team at the time of going to press have not been defeated yet this season. Tisdall, Tye, Walton, Gordon, White and Weaver have all played for the Club in Senior matches.

TENNIS

Although no outside matches were played this season, interest in the game throughout the School has been, if anything, keener than in previous years. In fact, so great was the congestion upon the courts early in the season that a portion of the cricket field was utilized for the laying out of two additional grass courts, which, though necessarily somewhat rough, were in frequent use.

Advantage was taken of a School half holiday on May 17 to stage an American handicap tournament for the benefit of tennis enthusiasts. Though somewhat of an experiment, it was a pronounced success, and the matches, limited to five games, proceeded like clockwork.

Parker and Anderson, in partnership, were successful in accumulating the greatest number of points.

There were only four entries for the British Columbia Junior Tennis Championship this year. With the exception of Jones i, none of the entrants from the School reached the semi-finals. This fact should not be a deterrent. The practice and experience of tournament play is invaluable to young players. There should have been more entries from the School, judging by the current form shown on the School courts, but the incessant pressure of varying School activities undoubtedly accounted for this discrepancy.

The entries for the School Senior and Junior Tennis Tournaments (Doubles and Singles) were numerous this year, and much enthusiasm was shown. The boys kept well up to scheduled time in playing off the various rounds, and many of the matches were warmly contested. Cole and Hammond carried off the Doubles Championship after a close match with Tisdall and Singleton, which ran to three sets.



THE GYM. TEAM. 1928

Tisdall defeated Gordon in the Singles Championship.

The Junior Doubles were won by Parker ii and Robbins over Coleman ii and Callahan, while Parker ii also won the Singles from Coleman ii.

The standard of play attained by the very junior players was surprisingly good, and should provide material for future champions in a few years' time.

The two vacant places on the tennis team were awarded to Tisdall and Cornwall i, who received their tennis colours.

Mr. Westmacott has been the master in charge of tennis again this year, and was responsible for the organization and progress of the tournaments and other tennis activities, with the assistance of the Committee.

TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT RESULTS

SENIOR DOUBLES

Winners Cole and Hammond
Runners-up Tisdall and Singleton

JUNIOR DOUBLES

Winners Parker ii and Robbins
Runners-up Coleman ii and Callahan

SENIOR SINGLES

Winner Tisdall
Runner-up Gordon i

JUNIOR SINGLES

Winner Parker ii
Runner-up Coleman ii

NEW TENNIS COLOURS

Tisdall

Cornwall i

CONSTITUTION OF TENNIS SIX

Gordon i (capt.)
Taylor i
McLeod

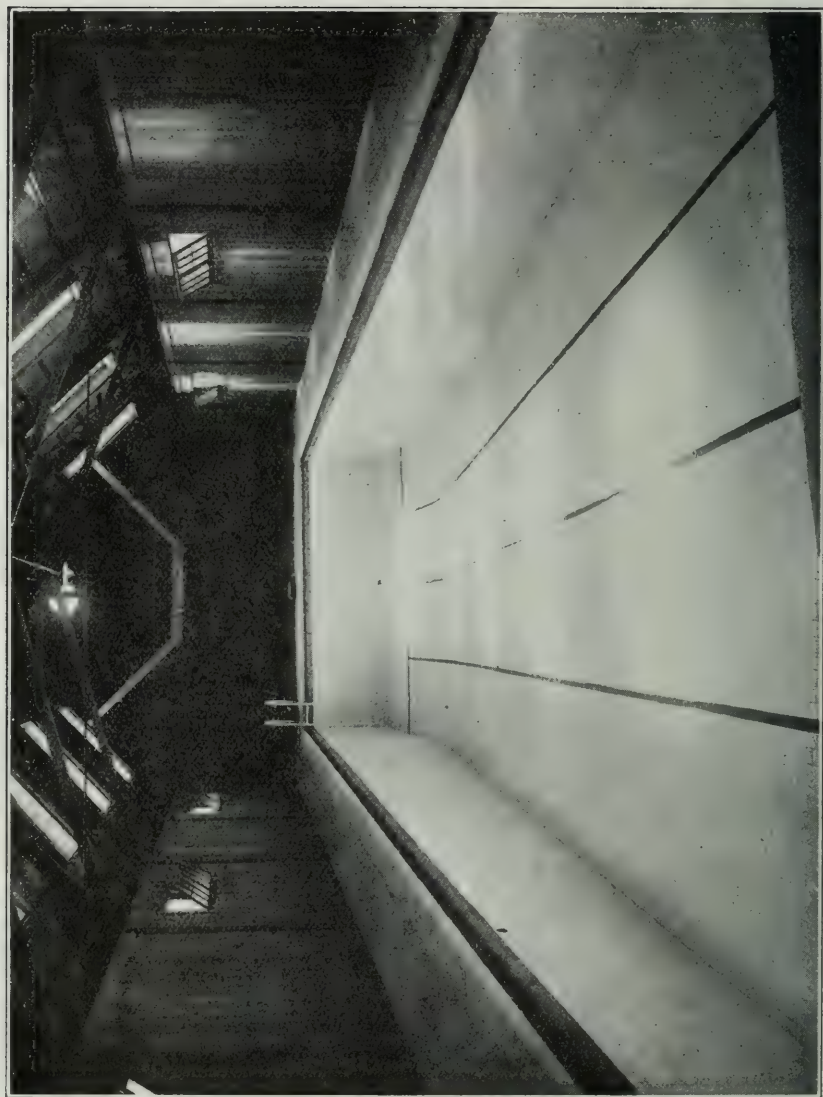
Jones i
Tisdall
Cornwall i

THE GYM.

On Friday, March 30th, 1928, the School held the annual gym. competition, which was followed by the boxing preliminaries. A very large attendance of visitors were present to witness this exhibition. Mr. A. G. Bolton officiated, and was assisted in the judging by Mr. Wenman. Sgt.-Maj. Watson was in charge of the floor.

Eleven entrants this year attempted to gain positions: Gordon i, Mercer i, Cotterell, Gardner, Mortimer, Schmidt, Tisdall, Cornwall iii, McRae, Firmstone i, and Kergin. The display, as usual, consisted of two exhibitions by each on the box-horse and parallel bars, and three on the horizontal bar.

The exercises were greatly varied this year, making the display more interesting. McRae must be complimented on the excellent exercises he attempted on the parallel bars, but he was lacking in experience on the horizontal. The judges, of course, take into consideration the difficulty of the exercise attempted. Comparing the display with the last few years' work, it may safely be said to be up to the standard.



THE POOL

Once again Gordon i was victorious. Gordon is captain for the second successive year, and is well worthy of the honour, having been on the team for five years. Mercer i was second, and gave Gordon a good run, but was lacking in experience. Of this year's gym. eight, six are old colours. Tisdall gained his place this year and also his colour; Cornwall iii won his place on the team, but not his colour; he is young yet, and we expect to see him in action next year.

The following are the 1928 gym. team:

Gordon i (capt.), Mercer i, Cotterell, Mortimer, Gardner, Schmidt, Tisdall and Cornwall iii.

THE POOL

The Swimming and Diving Championships were decided in the pool on the evening of May 23.

1. To decide the Senior Championship, two heats were run off before the final swim took place. The winners of the first heat were Hager and White. The winners of the second heat were Douglas and Sykes. The deciding swim was won by R. Hager, a close second being F. O. White. Hager has won the Swimming Championship for the last two years, and this year succeeded in smashing the School swimming record.

2. The Junior Swimming Championship was easily won by Robbins, with Von Dachenhausen a good second.

3. The Under 12 Championship proved an interesting struggle between Rowe, Dunlop, Caldwell and Martin, the winner being Rowe, closely followed by Dunlop.

4. The Senior Diving contest was again won by R. Hager, with 71 per cent., Begg being a very close second, with 70 per cent.

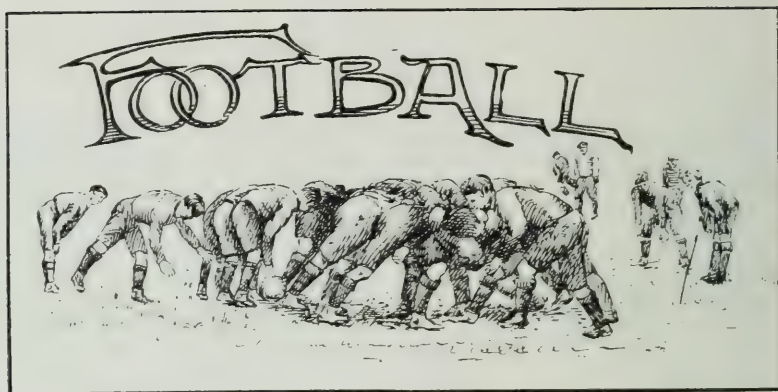
5. The Junior Diving was conceded to Robbins, the only entry.

The East House showed their superiority by mustering nine points, while the West House were unable to secure more than three.

Owing to unseasonable weather, the swimming tank did not properly come into its own until the first of May. Since then much enjoyment has been obtained from it.

The supervision of the tank has been well carried out by the Prefects, who, with the Masters, deserve special thanks for their care.

Diving Colours were won by R. Hager and J. S. Begg.



The Rugby season of 1927-28 should live long in the annals of the School. Playing in the Intermediate Rugby League of Victoria, our team went through undefeated and won the Vancouver Island Championship. Thereafter we met the leading League team of the Mainland—The Meralomas—a team of very high calibre, defeating them 5-0 in a very memorable game, and thus gaining for ourselves the additional honour of the Championship of British Columbia.

On February 24th, the team journeyed to Vancouver and played a friendly game with the 72nd Seaforths just previous to the Vancouver match with the Waratahs. Everybody enjoyed the trip and the Waratah game immensely.

The season was memorable in other ways. The *esprit de corps* and love for the good old game was never higher, and the enthusiasm was carried on right into the month of March.

For the first time we played three regular School XV.'s—no mean achievement for a School of our size. In addition, we turned out Junior teams of various sizes and weights to suit the calibre and experience of our opponents.

The First XV. shared honours with Brentwood College in the School League for the Scott-Moncrieff Shield.

The Second XV. deserve a word of praise this year. They have always been to some extent dwarfed by the enthusiasm for the First XV., but this year they developed more team spirit. Their first defeat at Brentwood put them on their mettle, and they had the satisfaction of turning the tables in a second encounter and sharing first honours for the Hodgins Cup.

But perhaps our congratulations are due first to the Third XV. With no cups or trophies to strive for, but imbued from the beginning with an excellent team spirit and love of the game.

they developed and improved both as a team and individually until their final match with Brentwood's 3rd XV., worthy opponents, who, though they lost to us, lost with honour, and after what was indeed a battle royal.

Defeated before Christmas, our Third XV. came back strong after the New Year and defeated Brentwood College decisively in two games. The last occasion was memorable, we being down 5-13 at half-time and finally winning 24-13.

The Midgets had many fine games with Oak Bay High School, Central School, St. Aidan's and Duncan Grammar School, and showed the promise of skill and sportsmanship which we always hope to see.

We feel that a special tribute is due to McLeod as Captain of Games for the second season, for his splendid leadership on and off the field. He, loyally backed by the splendid team under his command, has worthily maintained the best traditions of Rugby and of the School.

The annual House Match for the Galer Cup was played at the end of the season. It was contested with much spirit, as ever, and the West House succeeded in just winning by 13 points to 11.

SCHOOL v. CANADIAN SCOTTISH

January 14

Intermediate League

Scottish took the kick-off and for some time play was in centre field. The first try was scored by Gardner, wing three-quarter, after a neat run; the kick at goal failed. Gardner added another three points following from a penalty kick. Several times the School forwards looked dangerous, but fumbling prevented a score. Following a neat run by Skillings, Tye crossed the line for the last try in the first half.

In the second half, Le Marquand crossed the line following a three-quarter run. This was converted by Heap. Following a combination of forwards and three-quarters, Wenman went through for a try, which was converted by Heap. Clarke scored the next from a line-out near the five-yard line. Tye scored again on a pass from Skillings. Shortly afterwards Wenman and Le Marquand both scored, and the final result was 33-0.

SCHOOL

Full Back: Heap

Three-Quarters: Gardner, Skillings, Le Marquand, Singleton

Half-Backs: Tye, Taylor

Forwards: Hammond, Clarke, Begg, McLeod, Walton, Wenman,
Schmidt, Peard



FIRST RUGBY XV., 1927-1928

SCHOOL v. WANDERERS

January 21.

Intermediate League.

Played at the Willows. School defeated the Wanderers by a score of 36-0 (10 tries, 3 converted).

Following a combination of both forwards and backs, Singleton crossed the line for the first try, which remained unconverted. Gardner scored shortly afterwards from a three-quarter run—again unconverted. For a time Wanderers held their own in centre field, but gradually the School forwards dominated the play, and from a pass Skillings made a fine run and crossed the line. Again the try was unconverted. The forwards took the ball again down to the Wanderers' 10-yard line, and after a strenuous tussle Le Marquand dashed over for the last try of the first half, and it was converted by Heap.

In the second half the forwards began to share in the scoring. Le Marquand opened the scoring from a three-quarter run. Begg's keen following up resulted in his crossing the line; Then an individual run by Walton had a similar result.

Playing the "dummy," Gardner was responsible for the next try; a forward rush led by Walton resulted in one more, and Le Marquand went over from a pass from Gardner for the final try.

Mr. Jones, of Brentwood College, kindly refereed.

Full Back: Heap

Three-Quarters: Gardner, Skillings, Le Marquand, Singleton

Half-Backs: Mercer, Tye

Forwards: Begg, Walton, Peard, Clarke, Hammond, Schmidt,
McLeod, Wenman

SCHOOL v. NORMAL SCHOOL

January 28.

Intermediate League.

Played on the School ground. The School had rather an easy victory and won 33-0.

The first try was scored mainly through the effort of Schmidt, at wing forward. Skillings broke through their defence for the next try. Le Marquand added a third and Singleton crossed for the fourth. Heap converted three of these tries, and at half-time the score was 18-0.

In the second half Clarke broke away from a loose scrum and crossed the line. Taylor, at half, took the ball from a scrum and romped over by himself. Following these, Singleton, Cotterell and McLeod all scored, and the final result was 33-0. Mr. Simpson kindly refereed.

Full Back: Heap

Three-Quarters: Gardner, Skillings, Le Marquand, Singleton

Half-Backs: Tye, Taylor

Forwards: Begg, Walton, Peard, Clarke, Hammond, McLeod,
Schmidt and Cotterell



SECOND RUGBY XV., 1927-1928

SCHOOL v. VICTORIA COLLEGE

February 11.

Intermediate League.

This game was played on the School grounds and resulted in a win, 6-0.

This was a very grim struggle, as the College side was very robust and had lots of experience of the game. The feature of the game was the excellent kicking on both sides in endeavouring to reap advantage from the high wind.

Play was very even in the first half, the School playing against the wind. It was primarily a struggle for supremacy by strong forwards on both sides; the tackling was exceptionally strenuous. Following a forward rush, Wenman gathered the ball close to the College line and went over for the first try, the score at half-time being 3-0.

In the second half, playing with the wind, the School forwards pressed and kept the ball in the neighbourhood of the College twenty-five line. The College defence play by the backs was particularly sound, and it was only after a very long pressure that Miller made a clever opening for Schmidt, who went over. The final score was 6-0.

Mr. Honeychurch kindly refereed.

Full Back: Heap

Three-Quarters: Cotterell, Miller, Gardner, Skillings

Half-Backs: Tye, Taylor

Forwards: White, Peard, Walton, Bernard, Hammond, Schmidt,

McLeod, Wenman

SCHOOL v. BRENTWOOD

February 18.

Intermediate League.

This was one of the hardest fought matches of the season and resulted in a win, 6-3.

Play opened with a rush, and it was evident that both teams were keenly alive to all situations. Mercer, receiving the ball from the kick-off, placed it well into the Brentwood territory; the return kick was snapped up by the School three-quarter line, and it looked as if Gardner would go over, but a timely tackle by Robertson, Brentwood's full back, saved the situation. Play was forced into centre field, where it remained for some time, forwards engaging in much loose scrum work. Skillings' free kick, awarded for an offside, brought the play back to Brentwood territory, but fine kicking by the Brentwood backs relieved the situation. A forward rush by Schmidt and Hammond brought the play into the Brentwood twenty-five. Here, following a loose scrum, Tye received the ball, eluded all opposition and scored the only try in the first half.



THIRD RUGBY XV., 1927-1928

Brentwood's kick-off was well followed up, and Appleton finally broke through all opposition except the full back in front of goal and ruined his chances by attempting to drop a goal.

Play then centred in Brentwood's twenty-five when the whistle went for half-time.

In the second half the Brentwood three-quarter line took up the offensive, and after repeated attacks Appleton got the ball from a loose scrum on our 10-yard line and went over for Brentwood's first try.

Thereafter the pace was fast and furious. Finally, Mercer received the ball near centre field, passed to Skillings, who made a fine 30-yard run to score the winning try for the School.

Mr. Walls kindly refereed.

Full Back: Heap
Three-Quarters: Skillings, Mercer, Gardner, Cotterell
Half-Backs: Tye, Taylor
Forwards: Peard, White, Walton, Hammond, Bernard, Schmidt,
McLeod, Wenman

SCHOOL v. MERALOMAS

March 10. For Championship of B. C.

Played at the Willows before 1,000 spectators. The School won the toss and played with the wind at their backs. The ball was forced down into the Meralomas' territory, but the ex-champions retaliated vigorously, with the result that the ball was placed in the School twenty-five line by a series of very effective forward rushes. A sharp battle ensued, but Tye, receiving the ball from a loose scrum, relieved the situation with a splendid kick. The School continued their offensive, and a kick by Gardner was followed up and taken possession of by Miller, who, after a short run, passed to Wenman, who fumbled the ball within a few yards of the Meralomas' line. The School maintained their supremacy and fought in the Meralomas' twenty-five for some time, but finally Raycraft, visiting three-quarter, placed the ball well outside the twenty-five with a splendid kick. A series of forward rushes on the part of the Vancouver team brought the play still further up the field.

Meralomas looked like scoring when Heap miskicked. Later, Skillings attempted a cross kick following a penalty in the Meralomas' twenty-five, but the wind carried it over. Half-time came with no score and the ball in centre field.

The second half opened with a combined rush on the part of the Meralomas, and the School was on the defensive in their own twenty-five for some time. Tye attempted to relieve the situation with a kick, but Cameron, Meralomas' five-eighth,



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intercepted and, realizing many of the School were offside, attempted to drop a goal, but the kick went wide.

A neat combination between Tye and Skillings brought the ball well up the field into the Meralomas' half. The Vancouver team was awarded a free kick on their own twenty-five and Gardner returned the kick and cleverly ran up and put Wenman on-side. The latter took the ball out of the hands of a Vancouver back and scored a very spectacular try with a run of twenty-five yards, part of which distance he literally carried two Meraloma backs. Heap's kick for goal was no less sensational, in face of a strong cross-wind.

For the remainder of the period both teams were "all out," and the closing minutes the School had the upper hand owing to their superior condition.

Captain Levine, Shawnigan Lake School, kindly refereed.

Full Back: Heap

Three-Quarters: Skillings, Cotterell, Miller, Gardner

Half-Backs: Tye, Taylor

Forwards: Walton, White, Peard, Bernard, Hammond, Schmidt.

Wenman and McLeod (captain)

This game concluded the season for the Intermediate League. The enviable record of being unbeaten, with 224 points for and 6 against in twelve games, was achieved.

FIRST XV. *v.* BRENTWOOD COLLEGE

February 4, 1928.

School League.

Played at Brentwood College. Lieut.-Governor Bruce and Miss Mackenzie were among the spectators. School won, 6-3.

The School took the kick, and play centred in Brentwood's territory till effective kicking by their backs relieved the strain. A forward rush led by Elmore of Brentwood brought the ball well into the School twenty-five. Taking a kick from a School back, Appleton started the Brentwood three-quarter line moving, which resulted in Pugh crossing for the first try. The kick at goal failed.

The School reopened with great force and brought the ball well up into Brentwood's twenty-five. Robertson, full back for Brentwood, relieved the situation with a splendid kick. Following the line-out, the College three-quarter line made a fine run, bringing the ball into the School twenty-five. Appleton marked, but the ball fell short, and a forward rush led by Walton relieved the situation. After play had been in centre field for some time, Gardner got the ball from a loose scrum, kicked ahead, followed up beautifully and, owing to fumble by Brentwood's backs, crossed the line. Heap failed to convert, and half-time came with the score 3-3.

Shortly after the second half commenced, a neat play by Taylor, who took the ball from a loose scrum and went through on his own, resulted in a try for the School. The Brentwood forwards assumed a fierce offensive and brought the ball to the School ten-yard line. At this point Singleton was injured and had to go off. Brentwood pressed hard, and the final whistle went with both teams striving hard in the School twenty-five.

Captain Levine kindly refereed.

Full Back: Heap

Three-Quarters: Singleton, Tye, Gardner, Cotterell

Half-Backs: Mercer, Taylor

Forwards: Hammond, Peard, White, Walton, Clarke, Schmidt,
McLeod, Mortimer.

FIRST XV. v. BRENTWOOD COLLEGE

Played on our grounds February 24. The School lost, 9-0. The College took the kick-off and right at the outset looked like scoring, but a well-placed kick by Gardner relieved the situation. An exchange of kicking followed between Mercer and Robertson, Brentwood's full back, and finally Gardner, by kicking and following up hard, got the ball close to Brentwood's line. Good tackling and close marking prevented our threes from getting over. Following a series of forward rushes the ball was brought into the School twenty-five, the Brentwood three-quarters got moving, and Appleton scored.

Shortly afterwards, Furber, for Brentwood, was allowed to rush through on his own in a forward dash, and again scored for Brentwood.

The School then woke up, but half-time came with the score against us, 6-0.

In the second half the School struggled gamely to reduce the lead, but Brentwood's defence was sound. The School three-quarter line was not functioning properly, being particularly weak at inside. It lacked offensive. Schmidt, at wing forward, made a strong individual effort, which came to nothing. Finally, Field, for Brentwood, receiving the ball from a loose scrum, kicked over the heads of the School backs and Cooper ran in and scored. The final result was 9-0.

Mr. Lister kindly refereed, and the team was:

Full Back: Heap

Three-Quarters: Gardner, Perry, Cotterell, Singleton

Half-Backs: Taylor, Mercer

Forwards: Peard, Bapty, White, Clarke, Hammond, Schmidt,
McLeod, Mortimer

SECOND XV. v. BRENTWOOD COLLEGE SECOND XV.

February 4, at Brentwood College. School lost, 13-0, to a superior team.

A brilliant run by Perry i was an outstanding point on our side. Team:

Full-Back: Townsend
Three-Quarters: Kerr, Cornwall i, Gordon (captain), Perry i
Half-Backs: Tisdall, Mercer ii
Forwards: Cole, McLeod ii, Hager, Sykes, Firmstone i,
Cornwall ii, Hayward, Bapty

SECOND XV. v. BRENTWOOD COLLEGE SECOND XV.

February 24. This was a memorable encounter, as it was the first time for three years that our Second XV. had defeated Brentwood's second string. Tisdall was the hero of the day. He awaited a favourable opportunity, intercepted a pass from the opposing scrum half and ran through and scored on his own. Final score, 3-0 in our favour.

Full-Back: Townsend
Three-Quarters: Cornwall i, Gordon, Tye, Kerr
Half-Backs: Tisdall, Mercer
Forwards: Cole, McLeod, Hager, Firmstone i, Sykes, Hayward,
Cornwall ii, Morrison

THIRD XV. AT BRENTWOOD COLLEGE

February 4. School won, 22-8. Tries were scored by Fitz (4), Braidwood i, McRae i. Dennis converted two.

School team:

Full-Back: Hopkins
Three-Quarters: Parker i, McRae, Morrison, Fitz
Half-Backs: Brinkley, Coleman i (captain)
Forwards: Braidwood, Campbell, Cornwall ii, Dennis, Firmstone ii,
George, Anderson and Ward

On School ground, March 3. School won, 28-14.

THIRD XV. v. BRENTWOOD COLLEGE THIRD XV.

February 24. Final score, 24-13—win for the School.

In the first half the College had the advantage of the slope and were leading 13-5 at half-time. In the second period the School came back with vigour, tries being scored in rapid succession by McRae, Parker and Brinkley. Fitz had the misfortune to twist his ankle. Jones i made a beautiful drop goal in play. Dennis converted all four tries.

Full Back: Jones i
Three-Quarters: McRae, Parker, Lockhart, Fitz
Half-Backs: Brinkley, Coleman i (captain)
Forwards: Braidwood, Dennis, Campbell, Anderson, Taylor,
Weaver, Billings and Ward

RUGBY CHARACTERS

MCLEOD I. Captain. An excellent scrum leader and an untiring worker. Good in the line-out and always ready to support his backs in attack. Made an excellent captain, and the team owes much to his unselfish efforts, both off and on the field.

BEGG. A good "hook," a hard worker in the tight scrum and very dangerous with the ball at his feet. Inclined to hold on to the ball too long.

PEARDE. Played "lock" in the scrum, and although new to the game, did very well in that position. A fair tackle, but a trifle slow in the "loose."

WALTON. A strong, vigorous player, made an excellent "hook." Good in the "loose" and in the line-out. Too prone to pick the ball up instead of keeping it at his feet.

WHITE. Played second row. Very clever with his feet, and was brilliant in the "loose." A sure ball handler and an excellent tackle. One of the very best of a splendid "pack."

CLARKE I. A good second row man. A little slow to follow up, and too keen to pick the ball up. Handled well and shone in the line-out. A fair kick. Must remember the off-side rule.

SCHMIDT. An excellent wing forward. Fast, and followed up well. A poor kick and ball handler, but a magnificent tackle. Gave his backs splendid support in defence.

MORTIMER. Deserves great credit for having made and held his place as wing forward. Always in the game, and smothered his opposing half well. Excellent in the "loose" and a fine tackle.

HAMMOND. Played second row. A hard worker, who always did his share. A splendid tackle and very dangerous near the line.

HEAP. Full Back. Knows the game well. Cool and steady, but is slow in clearing and is too often caught with the ball. A good kick, fair tackle, and shows great judgment in falling on the ball. A useful place kick.

TAYLOR. Scrum Half. Knows his position well, and is a hard worker. Gets the ball away fast and knows when to pass and when to hold on. Has improved as a tackle, but is as yet a weak kick.

MERCER I. Stand-off Half. A very clever and elusive player, with a thorough knowledge of his position and the game. Made splendid openings and was quick to seize an opportunity. Gave and received his passes beautifully, but at times held on too long. A fair kick and a greatly improved

tackle. Played consistently good Rugby throughout the season and never disappointed.

GARDNER I. Vice-Captain and Three-Quarter. A splendid attacking wing. A fast, determined runner, and a consistent try getter, in spite of the fact that few openings were made for him. A beautiful kick, he used the short punt ahead with accuracy and great effect. A fair tackle. Handles the ball well, but hold on too long. Must remember not to overdo the "intercept."

SINGLETON. Three-Quarter. Although new to English Rugby, earned his place as wing three-quarter. Very fast and a good ball handler, but suffered with Gardner from lack of support from his inside. A good tackle but a weak kick. Must learn the art of falling on the ball.

COTTERELL. Three-Quarter. Played inside and wing but was more of a success in the latter position. A magnificent tackle and absolutely fearless in going down on the ball. A poor handler and a weak kick. A glutton for work, and always gave of his best.

LE MARQUAND. Three-Quarter. Came to us after Christmas and played inside. Rugged and quite fast, he was a hard man to stop. Combined well, but was weak in defence. Displayed great keenness, and his forced withdrawal through illness was a serious loss to the team.

W. R. G. WENMAN.

BOXING

The annual Boxing Tournament to decide the champions in numerous weights and divisions was held on Wednesday, April 4th, before a large assembly.

The first bout of the evening, between Gordon ii and MacNutt, was a semi-final of the Dustweight, with the latter taking the honour after a well-contested three rounds.

In the same weight, Holstein-Rathlon i fought it out with Olson, the former gaining the decision after a very pretty display by both boys. Towards the latter part of the evening the winners of the above-mentioned contests fought it out for the championship, with Holstein i being victorious. MacNutt put up a game showing, but the winner is a very heady boxer, and in competition amongst the School for the coveted "Most Scientific Medal for Boxing," was awarded second place.

In the Paperweight Class, Swanson ii and Poyntz i put up a good struggle, the latter using a very nice straight left to give him the victory.



BOXING CHAMPIONS AT RESPECTIVE WEIGHTS

Baynes and Lemon, of the Junior House, weighing 110 lbs., gave a most spirited exhibition of two-handed slugging, but Baynes, having an advantage in reach, scored the most points.

For the Championship of the Junior House, Mackid ii (last year's winner) fought it out again with Allen, this time, the judges and referee giving a draw, even after an extra round had been called. Lack of condition on the part of Mackid ii retarded his chances of repeating last year's performance, while Allen was in "the pink" and much improved. The pace set was fast and furious from start to finish, with plenty of skill being displayed throughout.

One of the most interesting bouts of the evening followed between Clark iii, of Vancouver, vs. Westmacott ii, of Victoria, in the No-Weight Class, their respective weights being 43 lbs. and 45 lbs. From the gong to the last bell, over three rounds, the two kiddies never stopped pummelling each other with all the seriousness that is required when a medal and championship are at stake. Well done, boys! We will look forward with interest to your meeting again next year. The unanimous decision was a draw.

Brinkley and Tisdall opposed each other in the semi-finals of the Lightweight Division, the latter receiving a nasty cross-blow in the eye which terminated the bout early in the first round. In the finals of this class, Brinkley met Cornwall later in the evening and gained the decision after an extra round had been called. This encounter was a very close call, Cornwall losing points on account of holding. It might be well to explain here that there is a very distinct difference between "holding" and "clinching." "Holding" is described when one grips with one arm or hand and hits with the other. "Clinching" is described as grasping with both hands in order to prevent the opponent from hitting.

In the Bantamweight Class, Mercer ii and Chambers gave the most hotly contested encounter of the evening, both boys being willing mixers with considerable skill, and many times stood toe to toe swapping punches with plenty of sting behind them. An extra round of one and a half minutes was called, with honours still remaining even. Consequently, both boys win their boxing Colour.

Singleton and Ward both extended themselves in the Welterweight Division, and gave an excellent display, the latter winning by a very close margin. Ward is a natural boxer, with lots of courage, and it was only his skill that prevented Singleton from doing considerable damage. Ward, always cool, met the rushes of his opponent very scientifically, countering time and

again with a two-handed attack. This was one of the most skilfully displayed bouts of the evening. Ward, besides winning the medal for his class and his Boxing Colour, was awarded the distinction of being the "most scientific boxer" of the evening.

Following this fight, Firmstone i and Hayward stepped into the ring to settle the championship of the Light-Heavies, both boys weighing in at 170 lbs. From the gong sounding, Firmstone rushed his opponent, and, delivering some heavy blows, it appeared that Hayward would shortly be in difficulties, but condition soon told, and it was apparent that Firmstone was tiring. Hayward had considerable advantage in reach and effectively used a hard, closed-glove, driving right upper-cut, which found its mark several times. Both contestants are scientific fighters, but over-anxiousness on the part of Firmstone to end the fight in quick style rather cost him the decision.

The last fight of the evening was in conjunction with the old-time rule that any winner of his weight could challenge the Heavyweight Champion for the Championship of the School. Cotterell, through no opposition, had won his division, viz., Middleweight, so he challenged White, who the previous week had defeated Peard in the Heavyweight Class. Their respective weights were: Cotterell, 150, vs. White, 188. In spite of the difference in weight, the fight throughout was closely and fiercely contested, with very little margin by which to make a decision. Cotterell deserves the greatest praise for the manner in which he fought against such a disadvantage of weight, and from start to finish was ever willing to mix things. White wisely used his weight on every occasion, finally wearing his opponent down, but had Cotterell chosen to box rather than bruise, the decision would certainly have been reversed. As it was, both judges awarded White the final result.

Unfortunately, no opponent could be found who was willing to stand up before Johnson in the Flyweight Class of the Senior House. This is to be regretted, as Johnson is not only a quick-thinking, scientific boxer, but is ready to show that he is a willing fighter as well.

Messrs. Jack Matson and Dick Wilson acted as judges, while Mr. A. G. Bolton officiated in the ring. Mr. R. Wenman handled the stop-watch.

The evening closed by our Headmaster, Mr. G. M. Billings, saying a few words in appreciation of the splendid attendance and the excellent display given by our boys.

Boxing Colours were awarded to White, Hayward, Cotterell, Ward, Brinkley, Mercer ii and Chambers.

ATHLETIC SPORTS

The annual Athletic Meet took place on June 4th. Many promising young athletes competed in the several races throughout the day. A very large crowd was present, who seemed to take a great interest in the proceedings. The grounds, which were in excellent condition, were colourfully decorated with many flags of the School colors; and the large marquee under which the tea was served added greatly to the appearance of the campus.

During the afternoon two School records were broken. Perry, who has showed much improvement in his running during the last three years at the School, lowered the record for the 120 yards hurdles by three-fifths of a second. Rowe, a most promising young athlete from the "Harvey House," took one-fifth of a second off the mark set by MacDonald in 1912. in the 100 yards under 12.

In the open events, Cotterell captured the Senior Championship by winning three out of the four major events, which in itself is a very creditable feat. Gardner was a very close competitor, especially in the preliminary contests.

In the Junior events, Robbins was successful in gaining the Championship, closely followed by Vides, who made a most creditable beginning in our athletic world.

"Trio," our School photographer, was on hand, and, partly owing to the fine weather, obtained some excellent pictures.

With the wealth of the material in the School, in years to come there should be many records broken and new ones established, and we all wish our successors the best of luck in their attempts.

At the conclusion of the sports the large crowd adjourned to the School House for the presentation of the prizes. The Very Rev. Dean Quainton presented the prizes to the many winners, after which he made a short and very humorous speech, in which he gave the boys about to leave the School some advice on how to conduct themselves in their future lives.

Our new Headmaster, Mr. G. M. Billings, now said a few words on the events of the day, and congratulated the boys on their splendid work and on the manner in which things were conducted throughout the day. He thanked, on behalf of the School, all those ladies and gentlemen, mentioning particularly that loyal body the Old Boys, for their gifts and other help, and congratulated D. H. Tye on winning the most treasured honour of the School, the Kerr Cup. This Cup is presented for the highest percentage in the School for scholarship, character, leadership and athletics.



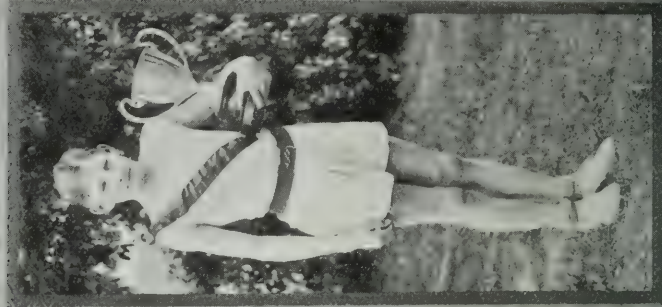
R. HAGER
Swimming and Diving Champion
1928



F. O. WHITE
Boxing Champion
1928



H. C. COTTERELL
Senior Athletic Champion
1928



J. ROBBINS
Junior Athletic Champion
1928

DETAILED RESULTS OF EVENTS

(Heats had been run off previously)

220 Yards, Open (Senior Championship)—1, Cotterell; 2, Gardner i; 3, Singleton. Time: 24 seconds.

220 Yards, Under 14 (Junior Championship)—1, Rowe; 2, Vides; 3, Robbins. Time: 29 3-5 seconds.

100 Yards, Under 12—1, Rowe; 2, Martin and Ridgway (tie); 3, Caldwell. Time: 12 4-5 seconds.

220 Yards, Under 16—1, Tisdall; 2, Brinkley; 3, Fitz. Time: 25 1-5 seconds.

Harvey House Relay Race, 300 Yards, Under 13—Winning Team: Swanson ii, Martin, Pinhorn, Moodie. Time: 44 1-5 seconds.

120 Yards Hurdle Race, Open (Senior Championship)—1, Perry i; 2, Cotterell; 3, McRae. Time: 16 2-3 seconds.

Quarter-Mile, Under 14 (Junior Championship)—1, Vides; 2, Robbins; 3, Baynes. Time: 1 minute and 3 3-5 seconds.

100 Yards, Under 16—1, Tisdall; 2, Brinkley; 3, Fitz. Time: 11 seconds.

75 Yards, Under 10—1, Ridgway; 2, Olsen; 3, Clarke ii. Time: 11 1-5 seconds.

100 Yards, Under 14 (Junior Championship)—1, Callahan; 2, Rowe; 3, Coleman ii. Time: 12 4-5 seconds.

100 Yards, Open (Senior Championship)—1, Cotterell; 2, Gardner; 3, Singleton. Time: 10 3-5 seconds.

Quarter-Mile, Open (Senior Championship)—1, Cotterell; 2, Gardner; 3, Cornwall i. Time: 55 1-5 seconds.

Sack Race, 50 Yards—1, Robbins; 2, Mackid ii.

Relay Race, 400 Yards, Old Boys versus The School—Won by Old Boys: J. Wenman, Atkins, Skillings, Cotton. Time: 44 1-5 seconds.

Half-Mile, Open (Senior Championship)—1, Taylor i; 2, Cornwall i. Time: 2 minutes and 18 seconds.

Old Boys' Race—Skillings and Wenman (tie).

High Jump, Open (Senior Championship)—1, Gardner i, Perry i, Bapty. Height: 4 feet, 11½ inches.

High Jump, Under 16—1, Boyce, Clarke i, Tisdall. Height, 4 feet, 9¾ inches.

High Jump, Under 14 (Junior Championship)—1, Vides; 2, Robbins; 3, Allen. Height: 4 feet, 2 inches.

Broad Jump, Open (Senior Championship)—1, McRae; 2, Perry i; 3, Gardner i. Distance: 19 feet, 9 inches.

Broad Jump, Under 16—1, Tisdall; 2, Clarke i; 3, Ditmars. Distance: 17 feet, 6 inches.

Broad Jump, Under 14 (Junior Championship)—1, Callahan; 2, Robbins; 3, Vides. Distance: 14 feet, 6½ inches.

Throwing the Cricket Ball, Open (Senior Championship): 1, Singleton; 2, Begg; 3, McLeod i. Distance: 97 yards, 2 feet, 6 inches.

Throwing the Javelin, Open (Senior Championship)—1, Parker i; 2, Cotterell; 3, Bristowe. Distance: 106 feet.

Swimming, Open, 60 Yards (Senior Championship)—1, Hager; 2, White; 3, Douglas.

Swimming, Under 14, 40 Yards (Junior Championship)—1, Robbins; 2, Von Dackenhause; 3, Mackid ii.



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Swimming, Under 12, 40 Yards—1, Rowe; 2, Dunlop; 3, Caldwell and Martin (tie).

Diving, Open (Senior Championship)—1, Hager; 2, Begg; 3, White.

Diving, Under 14 (Junior Championship)—1, Robbins.

SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

Awarded for the highest number of points in Open Events, won by

Cotterell 13 points

Runner-up: Gardner i..... 10 points

JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

Awarded for the highest number of points in events Under 14, won by
Robbins.

West House won the House Championship: West House, 48 points;
East House, 44 points.

OFFICIALS

Starter: Sergt.-Major S. Watson.

Timekeepers: A. J. Helmcken, Esq., P. R. M. Wallis, Esq.

Judges: Dr. A. Nash, R. D. Harvey, Esq., R. Wenman, Esq.

Clerk of the Course: A. G. Bolton, Esq.

THE CADET CORPS

ORGANIZATION, 1927-1928

Major N. E. McLeod	-	-	-	In Command
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Quartermaster	-	-	-	N. E. Morant
Sergeant-Major	-	-	-	D. H. Tye
Instructor	-	-	-	Sergt.-Major S. Watson

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Lieutenant W. D. Taylor	Cpl. C. F. Cornwall
Platoon Sergt. A. F. Mercer	Cpl. K. C. McRae
Lance-Sergt. R. Hager	Cpl. R. B. Ward

PLATOON No. 2

Lieutenant D. Gardner	Cpl. H. Peard
Platoon Sgt. T. O'D. Walton	Cpl. A. Tulk
Lance-Sergt. P. C. Townsend	Cpl. J. A. M. Griffith

PLATOON No. 3

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Platoon Sgt. R. B. Perry	Cpl. J. Lockhart
Lance-Sgt. R. F. Cornwall	Cpl. C. D. Taylor

PLATOON No. 4

Lieutenant C. Schmidt	Cpl. R. B. Mabey
Platoon Sgt. F. Singleton	Cpl. J. Coleman
Lance-Sgt. R. Mortimer	Cpl. J. C. Parsons

THE BAND

Sgt. J. H. Kerr	Sgt. A. E. G. Hayward
Cpl. J. D. Swanson	

Drummers

J. L. Weaver, R. L. Poyntz, J. H. Morrison, J. F. Parker
G. S. Dennis, R. K. Mercer

Buglers

R. C. Firmstone, D. F. Robertson, H. G. Cornwall, J. F. Boyce,
G. R. Swanson, H. V. Johnson



OUTDOOR RIFLE SHOOTING TEAM, 1928

SIGNAL SECTION

Sgt. A. G. Tisdall

R. P. Hammond, B. S. Chambers, R. B. George, S. Douglas.

STRETCHER BEARERS

Sgt. C. E. Sykes, Cpl. B. Mackid, R. Brinkley, W. Ditmars.

R. Gardner.

Strength: 110.

SHOOTING

The following Cadets achieved distinction in their respective classes:

Best Senior Outdoor Shot.....	White
Best Senior Indoor Shot	Kerr
Best Intermediate Indoor Shot	Wernecke
Best Junior Indoor Shot	Carpenter
Best Shot in School, Indoor and Outdoor.....	Kerr

The Morris Wilson Trophy for the best form average was secured by the VIth Form.

The Thorpe-Doubble Cup, awarded for the best shot under 12 years of age, was won by Callahan.

D. C. R. A.

INDOOR MINIATURE MATCHES

Results in the respective matches were as follows:

FIRST MATCH

Richardson	96	Gardner i	92
Rudolph	95	Schmidt	93
Kerr	95	Tye	93
Morrison	94	Cornwall ii	92
Steele	93	Firmstone ii	91
Total		934	

SECOND MATCH

Mortimer	96	Billings	93
Kerr	96	Begg	93
Richardson	95	Rudolph	93
Coleman i	93	Braidwood	92
Gardner i	93	Dennis	91
Total		935	

THIRD MATCH

Coleman i	96	Perry i	94
Mercer i	95	Mortimer	93
Richardson	95	Billings	93
Rudolph	95	Tisdall	92
Schmidt	95	Gordon i	92
Total		940	



INDOOR RIFLE SHOOTING TEAM. 1928

Richardson and Rudolph both won D. C. R. A. Silver Medals.

The Team average was 93.66, and it was awarded the D. C. R. A. First Class Certificate.

The weekly indoor shooting took place on the School Range. The respective medals for Seniors, Intermediates and Juniors were all keenly contested, and the winners were well up to the standard of previous years.

Special merit attaches to Carpenter, who showed very fine form for a Junior. We wish him every success in his passage through the higher grades.

The outdoor shooting was also well up to the standard of previous years. Although we did not have any outstanding rifle shots, the Cadets as a whole were well above the average.

MINIATURE RANGE SHOOTING

BUTTONS

The following were the winners of the Weekly Buttons. No boy succeeded in winning three times in succession.

SENIORS: Schmidt, 3 times; Rudolph, 2 times; Kerr, 2 times; Mercer i, Mortimer, Richardson, Tisdall, once.

INTERMEDIATES: Rudolph, 2 times; Taylor ii, 2 times; Tulk, 2 times; Wernecke, once.

JUNIORS: Carpenter, 4 times; Parsons ii, Pinhorn i, Pinhorn ii, Swanson ii, once.

THE LIBRARY

Among the many changes which have taken place during the last School year, we announce with pleasure the opening of the new Library. It is much larger than the former one, occupying one of the East House recreation rooms, and it has indeed proved a success. Books may be obtained at all times, and there are separate tables supplied for either reading or card games.

We wish to thank the boys for their kind co-operation in making the scheme a success. Our thanks are due to Major Howden for the gift of certain instructive and highly appreciated volumes.

OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION

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This Association was founded in 1915 for the purpose of promoting intercourse and good fellowship amongst our Old Boys, strengthening the ties between the Past and the Present, and furthering the general interest of the School by careful preservation of a corporate feeling.

All Old Boys and Masters are urged to become members. Every member is supplied with a copy of the School Magazine, which at present appears twice a year, and is invited to contribute to it. Every member receives notice of and invitation to attend School gatherings, such as athletic sports, dances, etc.

The annual subscription is \$1.00, due on September 1, and is payable to the Hon. Secretary-Treasurer.

A subscription of \$10.00 entitles to Life Membership.

THE ANNUAL REUNION

Sports Day, June 4, was the occasion of a great gathering of Old Boys who assembled from far and near for the Annual Reunion.

The programme for the day opened at 9.30 a.m. on the links of the Uplands Golf Club, where an Old Boys' Handicap Golf Tournament took place. This event was won in the face of very strong opposition—including Jack Matson and Ainslie Helmcken—by R. L. Challoner.

It is planned to make this an annual event, and it is hoped that next year the number of entries will be considerably increased.

At 2 p.m., many Old Boys visited the School to witness the Annual School Sports. Much enthusiasm was displayed in the Old Boys' 100 Yards, and the Old Boys' relay team, consisting of G. Wenman, F. G. Skillings, R. H. Cotton and J. M. Atkins, was again successful in defeating the team representing the School, and equalled the record for this event.

At 7 p.m., the Annual Meeting and Dinner was held at the Union Club. Owing to the total inability of H. P. M. Holt to remember a grace, this duty was very efficiently performed by Fred Cabeldu.

The thanks of all are due to Mr. A. G. Bolton for his arrangements in connection with the excellent dinner, and also to Mr. A. Helmcken for his important share in the entertainment.

After dinner the meeting was called to order and the election of officers took place. Mr. P. R. M. Wallis was unanimously re-elected as President of the O. B. A. for 1928, but, much to the regret of all, Mr. A. Helmcken expressed his inability to continue as Secretary. He explained that his rapidly growing practice brought increasing calls on his time. In view of his length of service and the efficient manner in which he had always performed this arduous duty, Mr. Helmcken's excuse was accepted reluctantly by the meeting and Mr. R. Wenman was unanimously chosen to fulfil the duties of Secretary for 1928.

The next election was that of Mr. G. M. Billings as Honorary Vice-President of the Association.

The meeting then developed into a general discussion, in which Mr. Ralph Matthews, the President and Mr. A. G. Bolton participated, on several matters concerning the welfare of the School and the O. B. A. The meeting was brought to a close by an excellent speech from Mr. G. M. Billings, the

Headmaster, in which he sketched the School policy concerning certain points which had been brought up during the evening. He also warmly congratulated the Old Boys on their intense interest in the welfare of the School, as shown during the meeting.

At the conclusion of the meeting all hastened to the Royal Victoria Yacht Club, where dancing was enjoyed until 1 a.m.

The day, from beginning to end, was a great success, and the Old Boys present will look back upon the Reunion of 1928 as being one of the most enjoyable in their experience.

CORRESPONDENCE

524 Avenue Haig.

Shanghai, China.

Tuesday, 26th July, 1927.

DEAR MR. BOLTON:

I haven't written to the old School for ages, and I think it about time I wrote again, just to prove that we don't forget.

Shanghai has just passed through a rather hectic time, in which most of us here had our part to play. I saw Victor Loureiro in the uniform of the French Volunteers. I think he is in the armoured car section. Noel Wolfe sports the uniform of the Light Horse and is getting to be *some* cavalryman! Bill Ladow was in the American Company and seemed to be enjoying himself. I myself am in the Police Specials, and I certainly did like being on duty. It was indeed fortunate that the Durham Light Infantry and Gloucester Regiment arrived when they did, otherwise Shanghai would have been overrun by both the retreating Northern troops and the victorious Southerners. However, with British Tommies, Volunteers and Police behind the sandbags and barbed wire, the Chinese soldiers thought otherwise and gave the settlement a miss.

There was quite a bit of excitement, though, while the fighting was going on in the Chinese territory. At one time I was on duty within 200 yards of the scrapping, and could see very plainly the Chinese taking pot shots at each other; the noise of Mauser pistols was often broken by the "boom" of a trench mortar or three-inch field gun. These were mounted in an armoured train manned by "white" Russians fighting for the Northerners; the crackle of rifle fire and machine guns was continuous. At 11 o'clock one evening we were told to clear an alleyway of Northern troops who were attempting to get into the settlement. We got over 20 men out, disarmed them and turned them over to an armed military guard. We then went into the alley. What a sight presented itself! Rifles, pistols, swords, bayonets, machine guns and what not were littered all over the place; there was even an executioner's sword, still wet! An American marine promptly annexed it

for a souvenir! I counted over 200 bombs lying around, mostly Japanese, of the four-second contact type. For souvenirs I got two rifles, three bayonets, an entrenching tool, two water bottles and some ammunition. One rifle turned out to be Japanese and the other is still a mystery, it is a short carbine and almost .45 calibre. The Japanese rifle is nearly .25 calibre, very small for a war weapon.

Shanghai is back to normal now, except for the legal fight going on about the Council's increasing the rates by two per cent. The Chinese refuse to pay, although they are paying taxes through the nose to the Nationalist Government—without a murmur, too. As a matter of fact, they daren't kick, because China's military leaders believe in "off with his napper." Starting in August, the Chinese are taxing nearly everything, from pins to locomotives. I hear gasoline and kerosene are being taxed 100 per cent., and gasoline is 90c per gallon now! That is about 45c gold.

I had a letter from Percy Lord yesterday; he is working for Siber, Hegner & Co. in Tokio. Sam Lord is with his father in the Sun Life. Hugh Playfair is in Yokohama, but I'm not sure what he is doing. I hear Tubby Beatty is in Yokohama for the summer, having returned from McGill. Wolfe is in the Asiatic Petroleum Co. here, Loureiro in the Assurance Franco-Asiatique, and Percy Dawson in the China Soap Co. I am working with my Dad in the paper business, having charge of a lot of paper machinery. It is very interesting work and I rather like it.

Percy Lord is still famous on the athletic field, playing both Rugger and hockey in Japan. Wolfe and myself play hockey here. I have done a lot of shooting here, both rifle and pistol matches, and duck shooting. I won the Championship of the 3rd Division Police Specials the other night for the second time in succession. I made a score of 90 with the regulation Colt .45 automatic with which the Police are issued here. Sam Watson will, no doubt, be pleased to hear that I'm still keeping up my rifle shooting as I am a member of the Shanghai Rifle Association. Here we are allowed to use long Lee-Enfield match rifles, with peep sights and wind gauges. I have made some useful scores with the short service rifle too. The range is closed for repairs just now, and won't be opened again till the beginning of next month. Of course, it is much patronized now by the troops, as well as the marines and navy of several nationalities—British, Italian, Japanese and American.

Well, Mr. Bolton, I'm afraid I must bring this letter to a close. I hope to hear from you soon.

With all best wishes to the old School and lots of luck,

Yours very sincerely,

KAROLY M. PATE.

PEN POETRY AND PROSE



AN APPROACHING THUNDERSTORM

It was a stifling July afternoon, and all Nature seemed gasping for breath. Only an occasional feeble puff of wind relieved the monotony, and a faint heat haze hung over the valley. In the field below, a few cows were lying, too lazy even to graze, while the little brook running through the meadow seemed almost too tired to flow.

Then far down the valley a little black cloud appeared and began to climb rapidly over the horizon. The stillness became even more intense, and not a breath of wind was to be felt.

Then a faint rumble was heard, and the black cloud was split asunder for a second. Higher and higher climbed the cloud, and louder and louder grew the rumbling. Then a sighing sound was heard, and a minute later a terrific gust of wind struck the house, while flash after flash of lightning rent the sky and the heavenly artillery was let loose in all its fury. Then came the rain, and it seemed as if the sky was a sheet of water.

For an hour the din was terrific, and then it began to lessen, and in a short time the sun once more broke through the storm clouds, to shine upon a rejuvenated Nature. The cows were grazing again, the brook was merrily running bank-high, and everything was fresh and green; while the last rumbles of the storm died away in the distance.

J. P.

THE JOY OF CHARACTER BUILDING

Is there any experience that can compare with the solid satisfaction and abiding joy of building up a character? Of all the creative work to which anyone can put his hand, surely this is of supreme worth, for it is the one human achievement that will eternally endure. We see someone by the work of his own hand slowly transforming a tract of virgin land into fertility and fruitfulness; or fashioning stroke by stroke out of a shapeless mass of material some object of beauty; or word by word, page by page, chapter by chapter, some great piece of literature.

The beloved offspring of a brain is brought forth in mental toil and travail; an intricate piece of mechanism is the result of incessant experimentation, of grinding toil of hand and brain: but far transcending the satisfaction of such work must be the creation of a character, bit by bit. Surely, if there be anything worth living for, it is this, this consciousness that you have fulfilled, or really begun to fulfil, the one supreme purpose of your being. For it is the one and only work we can carry out in this world which will have its sequel in the world beyond.

G. H. S.

THE FIRST AIR MAIL

To those who are stamp collectors, I am sure that this short article will prove interesting. As perhaps we all know, during the Franco-Prussian War, correspondence from Paris to outside quarters was extremely difficult because of Bismarck's blockade. However, a few letters passed through his hands, or rather over his head. One of these I have in my possession. It is written by a young French soldier in Paris to a lady who had been kind to him when he was in England. Mrs. Simpson was her name. The letter itself is written on fine, light paper, and in an envelope of similar material, upon which is inscribed: "Bismarck's troops are all around us. Our only medium of correspondence is by air." The letter was carried by balloon from France to England. The pilot, who had been wounded thrice, died shortly afterwards. The trip had taken thirty-eight hours.

At the end of his letter, the young chap had added: "I hear the cannon roaring now. Doubtless we will be in action soon. I have not really been engaged in active battle yet. I hope I have good luck." A week later the lady received a letter saying that he had been killed in action the very night of his letter.

S. U.

THE MIDNIGHT EXPRESS

K—— is a small town in the interior of British Columbia that boasts a population of some four thousand people, and it takes no precaution to hush up the fact that it is a Canadian Pacific Railway Divisional Point. To the uninitiated, a "Divisional Point" is a station at which the railway company keeps a supply of extra locomotives, fresh water and ice for the dining cars, and an inexhaustible supply of Celestials, who oust the wearied traveller from his seat and give the car a much-needed sweeping.

One cold evening in January, when the thermometers were standing at forty below zero, it was my misfortune to be forced

to catch the midnight express for V——. I paid off my taxi-driver, who, contrary to the laws of his clan, did not draw up beside the platform to await a possible "fare," but drove hurriedly up the street away from the deserted station and left me to my fate.

I entered the rather small waiting-room, shivered, stamped some of the snow off my feet, and then made my way across the room to the ticket agent's wicket. He proved to be a melancholy fellow—most of these individuals are either melancholy or peevish, this man was extremely melancholy. I bought my ticket and inquired whether the train was "on time."

"Number Four—on time at R——," was the laconic answer. He spoke as if he wished the train in question the best of luck, but yet his answer gave one the impression that asking whether a Canadian train would be "on time" in the winter months was quite the incorrect thing to do.

Until the wicket was behind me, I had not the least idea that I was but one of many whose misfortune it was to wait to be caught up by the midnight express. At first I thought perhaps this was all a dream and that the many prostrate figures around the room were Lotus Eaters or the like, but the ticking of an antiquated clock reminded me that it was fifteen minutes to twelve, and also pointed out that my dream, if a dream it really was, was an anachronism.

The reason that these individuals were in this state of coma was quite evident to me after some minutes had elapsed. The room was not unlike other waiting-rooms in the interior of British Columbia, heated to a maximum in order to give the unwary traveller a fair chance of falling a victim to pneumonia or pleurisy, or, with luck, both! My room-mates consisted, as well as I could judge, of Swedes, Poles, Germans, Slovenes and Chinamen—all such people call themselves Canadians; so my malodorous room-mates, ostensibly, were Canadians. Their language was utterly unintelligible to me, though I am a Canuck. The majority of these coma-smitten inhabitants regarded me furtively for a few seconds and then closed their eyes, others looked at me in a pitying manner, and one or two avoided my glance as if I were Satan himself. Two sounds broke the silence of the room, the loud and erratic ticking of the clock and the incessant tapping of the telegraph instruments.

Occasionally one of the blear-eyed Swedes who sat opposite me would do one of two things, either glance in an expectant fashion at the clock or throw menacing looks toward the two Chinamen who were conversing in that strange crooning fashion so common to Oriental races. Needless to say, several such

glances sufficed—the crooning ceased forthwith! In a way I was sorry that this crooning had been discontinued, because, although the sound in question held no theatrical merit, it was at least an attempt to relieve the monotony of that terrible room.

Suddenly the Swede rose, roughly shook his companion, and delivered himself of a somewhat concise speech. "Jiminy! If dis train don' com' through purty soon, ay ban tank shay com' late." According to Latin authors—"dixerat," he finished speaking.

The next number on the programme was a series of what appeared to me to be exercises but that at the same time reminded me of the contortions of Lon Chaney. This was, I found out later, merely an illustration of the orthodox Swedish manner of throwing one's pack on one's back. They both went out into the cold air in a nonchalant manner, also true to their Swedish traditions.

Shortly after their exit, the melancholy ticket agent pressed his face to the wicket and announced in his laconic fashion: "Number Four—twenty minutes late at S——." During this brief oration everyone leaned forward as one does when a movie "thriller" reaches a climax. The effect of this speech was, as the market reports say, a "general slump"—every person in the room, including the Canadian Chinamen, slid back into his original position and prepared himself for another twenty minutes' vigil. The announcement did not seem to affect the travelling arrangements for the Swedes, as they continued their frigid promenade without.

Strange to relate, the twenty minutes passed fairly quickly. I think I must have adapted myself to the occasion. I was contemplating a switch lamp that blinked in the cold air outside, when my reverie was broken by the arrival of the express.

In a moment the door leading to the platform was besieged by my frenzied companions, and for a time I feared for the safety of the waiting-room door. They seemed to be possessed with a wild idea that there was a possibility that the train might leave before they had had time to board it. In a few seconds the room was deserted save for myself and the dejected person behind the wicket, who gazed wistfully about with his head rested on his hands. I bade him good-night and made my way out into the cold air. Everywhere was confusion: express wagons rattled across the ice-caked platform: mysterious gnome-like figures with lanterns investigated the under part of the carriages and the railroad employees were unanimous in their condemnation of the extreme temperature. One person only seemed to be unaffected by this turmoil of human interests—this was my sad and uncommunicative friend the ticket agent.

In ten minutes I was as comfortable as one can expect to be in a "berth," and as I turned off my light prior to a good night's rest I thought of the two Swedes and the ticket agent, and wondered whether the ice-covered platform appreciated the consolation offered by the twinkling switch lamps.

NICHOLAS MORANT.

THE GOAL OF EDUCATION

What is education, or, if the term be preferred, what is culture? The question was answered in terms that have become classical by Matthew Arnold. Culture, as he defined it, is the study of perfection, or getting to know the best which has been thought and said.

To know the best which has been thought and said is certainly good; but to be engaged in actions and achievements which prompt those who behold them to a profounder thinking and a more beautiful utterance is certainly far better. We must not forget that behind all the great literature and great art of the past there lay a background of great work achieved by the nation or race amid which the poets and the artists were born. A civilization whose culture is confined to "knowing" what these poets and artists have done, but which takes no pains to furnish its own artists and poets with equally significant themes, is like a husbandman who consumes a harvest but sows nothing for next year's crop—it is living on its capital.

"I call, therefore, a complete and generous education," says Milton, "that which fits a man to perform justly, skilfully and magnanimously all the offices, both private and public, of peace and war."

"The offices of peace and war" have assumed in these days a character very different from that of the time when those words were written. But the essential truth remains unchanged. If it can be recovered, the prospects of industrial civilization will glow with the new light of hope. The ethics of workmanship long despised and neglected will be restored to a rightful place, and the "well-doing of everything that needs to be done" will become the policy of states and the supreme responsibility of the citizen.

G. H. S.



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